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Where the spirit of the Lord is there is liberty. II Cor. 3:17

Serving the modeling community since 1995

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"Changing of the guard"

FCM will be making some personal changes starting this month. Will Hinton will be making way for new president Tony Gaffney. Will has served as president since 1995 and will now be serving as national prayer chain coordinator and treasure. I have asked both Will and Tony to write a word or two for this newsletter, they are to follow. (Thanks Will, welcome Tony)



Toledo Expo.



**Thought I'd put in a couple of airplanes from past expo's.
Here is a nether place to meet up with friends, have a
Starbucks coffee see great models and look over the new
"stuff". Don't leave your money at home, you'll need it here.**



Talk about a challenge.



All I can say is, I'd like to see this model fly. Very nice.



Greetings,

It is a great honor and privilege that the Fellowship of Christian Modelers have asked me to become their president. My hope and prayer is that we can advance the Kingdom of God through this great hobby and that we and the hobby can grow in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and that the FCM will grow throughout this great country of ours and the world.

Here is al little history of myself.

I was born on March 6, 1957 in Orangeburg, South Carolina. I have 2 diplomas, one from high school and one in Automotive Mechanics from a Technical Collage. I retired

from the automotive field in 2006 as a Master Certified Auto and Diesel Technician of Ford Motor Company, the highest you can go in Ford.

I am married to the Sweetest and Greatest Lady, Silvia Gaffney, who is a Doctor of Dentistry and is from Monterrey Mexico. We have 3 wonderful children and 4 of the greatest grand kids that you will find. We reside in Campobello, South Carolina.

My life with the Savior of the World began in March of 1980 when Jesus Christ radically save me and delivered me from a life of drugs and alcohol. God called me into the ministry in September of that year and I have been ministering the Gospel since then.

I am an ordained minister and My wife and I are Missionaries with the Church of God based out of Cleveland Tennessee and we travel to Mexico, Honduras and Romania and where ever we can serve the Lord. We do dental work and minister the Word of God in these places, purchase and distribute bibles. We have a non-profit, 501-c-3 called Today's Ministries that I am the founder and president of, founded in March of 2006. I am a radio control airplane hobbyist and have been flying on and off of most of my life and like the most of us I started out with control line when I was fifteen and even at sixteen won the slow rat race competition at the King Orange in Jacksonville, Florida, wow was that a great surprise to everybody at that time.

About 11 years ago I had many r c aircraft and was about to quit the hobby because it seemed at the time that God was not getting any Glory from it and so I went searching for some form of Christian organization that was in the hobby and that is when I found the FCM and talked to Allen Goff. You see I was going to this wonder event called the Joe Nall and so I called Allen and asked was anyone representing the FCM at the Joe Nall. He said no and since I am only 25 miles from this incredible event, I offered to represent the FCM where now this coming event will be our 11th year representing the FCM. It has been a great journey and looking forward to even greater things for the FCM and for what God will do with us if we are just willing vessels that he can use.

With this letter I am also including some pictures of the last time we were at the Joe Nall and of some of my planes. Pictured are my Dynaflite PT19, 1/3 scale Fly Baby, SR Batteries Eindexer and my 1/3 scale Cub.



**May God bless you all and hope to see you at some of the future FCM events,
Anthony (Tony) Dean Gaffney**



What's wrong here?



(L to R) Kaz Meotto from Japan holds Mike McHenry Zero and Mike holds Kaz's Hellcat. Kaz always make it to the US Nationals. Both are accomplished C/L aerobatic pilots.



What a ride!

Allen has asked me for a bit of a life story as I depart the office of president of FCM, so here we go. I was born in the foothills of Appalachia near Marietta, Ohio, and proudly claim the title of hillbilly. Grew up with three passions ruling my life; guitar music, horses, and airplanes. They each were to have equal influence on who and what I became. I started building models around the age of eight. (Comet kits) Got my first motor at 16 and that started it off!! After graduation I joined the Navy, spent four years as an avionics technician in an airborne anti-submarine squadron in

Quonset Point, RI. (VS39) Leaving the Navy the end of September, 1962, I went to Syracuse, NY where I worked at the airport there and also played lead guitar for a band. The finger lakes region was a country music hotspot those years. Went to Toledo Express Airport in early '63 and met the love of my life there. She was a teacher, and we married just 4 months after our first date! She put up with my crazy modeling for the next 51 years until cancer stole her from me. My modeling interests have always been control line, flew a lot of combat early on, then moved over to stunt, an incurable disease. Been at it ever since.

I married in 1964, switched to industrial electronics for a huge increase in money, and spent 36 years at that before retiring at age 60. But...during that time, a new passion entered my life. Jesus Christ. He simply invaded me, and since the age of 27 years I have tried to do His will with my life.

After gaining a private pilot's license in 1971 He called me to start a missionary flying service for those needing transportation for hurried schedules while home on leave. I obtained my commercial license, instrument rating, multi-engine rating, instructor rating, instrument instructor rating, and later on, my ag certificate. I then co-founded Missionary Shuttle Service around 1973, we purchased a Cessna Skyhawk, and were off and running. (Errr, I mean flying.) That service was active until He led us to disband in 1982. That was my first 501(c)3 to help found.

Then in 1990, He called me to join some dude named Allen Goff in founding The Fellowship of Christian Modelers. We kicked it around for a while until the weekend of the 1995 Sig contest when we had a service on Sunday morning and there were around 25 or so who attended. We came out of that service with a full board of directors and in no time at all, were a 501(c)3 organization.

God has continued to grow FCM since then, and it reaches all over the world of modeling and every discipline. It has been all Him, but I am starting push the envelope as far as number of years versus energy. Because of that, we have been actively seeking a replacement for the office of president. I feel we need new perspective, new energy, new ideas, and new and

diverse direction for the group to continue putting the Word of God in front of all modelers.

There comes a time when every one of us must evaluate our position in life, and as I have remarried, and have a new local ministry in the music field that takes a huge amount of my time, I have realized my passion is shifting. God has blessed, I mean REALLY blessed, and I am most thankful for the great privileges He has given me in serving in this ministry. I will continue in the office of treasurer, and will remain a board member as well. But, as I leave this office, I leave smiling big time at the memories all of you have given me; the exciting things you have shared with me, and with a heart full of love for each I have met and worshipped with.

Shalom



Wright/Patterson US Air Force museum.



Every year in late Feb. early March a group of us gather on a Saturday morning at the Air Force museum in Dayton Ohio. It's nice to gather and look over all the cool airplanes from the Wright brothers to the latest thing in the air. Here we assemble for a group shot in front of this PBY, what a nice way to catch up with friends we have not seen since Oct. We will (Lord willen) try to do this again this year. Come join us.



Scripture for the month.

James 1:12

Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.

We can take great comfort knowing this scripture as we look back or ahead on the challenges facing us. We must remember we are never alone, Jesus is just a prayer away.



FCM National Prayer Chain;

If you would like to be a member on the FCM prayer chain contact Will Hinton : wlhint@centurylink.net



2018 has a lot to offer modelers.

Toledo Expo, fly-ins, contests, special events; Joe Nall, Brodak

fly-in, U S Nationals, The FCM at AMA, NASA scale classic (NSC) just the mention a few. FCM (Lord willing) will be at these events and more, hope to see you there.



Have pictures?

Lets share them with the world, member or not.

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We would like to thank all those who support FCM with your prayers and finances. Will you partner with FCM to help keep Jesus alive and visible in our hobby and on the flight line? Gifts can be made on the FCM web site with CC, PayPal <http://fcmodelers.com/Donate.htm> or by mail to the address below.

Blessings

Allen

PS, We would like to thank all of you who gave FCM a Christmas gift this past week, it will help more than you'll ever know, again thanks.

